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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room A,

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: January 25, 2017

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **President** Irvin Bowers, Public Member, **Vice President** James Elder, LCDP, **Secretary** Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LCDP Daniel Cooper, LPCMH Ruth Banta, Public Member

### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III David Mangler, Director Jeff Ford.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed, D., LPCMH Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Zoe Plerhoples, Deputy Attorney General Kathryn Alabi

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Drevno called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the October 26, 2016 meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Grande moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Proposal to Deny Hearing for Kathryn Alabi

Dr. Drevno called the hearing to order at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Singh advised the Board the purpose of today's hearing. Ms. Alabi was advised that she has the right to be represented by an attorney. Ms. Alabi waived

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her right to an attorney and wished to continue the hearing without representation of an attorney. Ms. Alabi's complete application packet and documentation with the Board's Proposal to Deny hearing letter was submitted as Board Exhibit 1 for the record. Ms. Alabi had no exhibits for the Board. Ms. Alabi was sworn in and addressed the Board regarding her application and requirements for licensure. The Board questioned Ms. Alabi. Ms. Alabi responded. The Board entered into deliberations at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve Ms. Alabi for licensure as a LPCMH by reciprocity, seconded by Dr. Madl-young. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### Review and Discussion of Hearing Office Recommendation for Laurie Denham

The Board moved the agenda item to review and discuss the recommendation for Ms. Denham to after the hearing for Kathryn Alabi.

Ms. Plerhoples addressed the Board and provided verbal exceptions for the State to the hearing officer's recommendation for Ms. Denham. The Board discussed the conclusions of law regarding the alleged violations of 24 Del. C. Section 3009(a)(5) and Directives 5, 6, 19-21, 44, 54, 61, 66 and 76 of the NBCC Code of Ethics adopted by the Board pursuant to Rule 2.5 and discussed the recommended sanctions. Dr. Grande moved, seconded by Dr. Elder, to revoke Laurie Denham's license. Mr. Cooper was recused. By majority vote, the motion carried.

# Review of Application(s) for LMFT by Reciprocity

Ronald Williams – The Board reviewed the application for Mr. Williams and the consent agreement that he entered into with the State of Delaware in 2013 regarding the his use of the title Doctor when he only holds a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. Mr. Williams was fined and given a letter of reprimand. Ms. Singh advised the Board of their statutory obligation when proposing to deny an application. Dr. Grande moved to propose to deny the application for Mr. Williams per 24 Del C. section 3032(a)(3), seconded by Dr. Madl-Young. Mr. Bowers opposed. By majority vote, the motion carried.

Jacqueline L'Heureux – The Board reviewed and discussed the reciprocity application for Ms. L'Heureux from the State of Virginia and the Virginia regulations. The Board noted that she submitted a letter of explanation that states that she does not have exam scores as they no longer are on record and the current VA code and regulations state an exam has to be taken for licensure, however at the time of licensure, she was grandfathered. Ms. Singh reviewed the VA regulations from 1997. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve Ms. L'Heureux for licensure as a LMFT by reciprocity as she is AAMFT certified, seconded by Mr. Elder. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Bonnie Gladu proof of CEU's from Granted Extension

The Board reviewed the continuing education for Bonnie Gladu. Dr. Drevno, made a motion to approve Ms. Gladu's CE's, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure

Caitlin Brown – The Board reviewed the application for Ms. Brown and discussed the new regulation change for the supervisor to show proof of the 6 CE hours. The Board discussed granting authority to the Board to issue the license when upgrading and the applicant already holds an associate license. Dr. Grande made a motion to approve Ms. Brown's application for licensure as an LPCMH upgrade, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Helene Jones – The Board reviewed the application for Ms. Jones. Mr. Cooper made motion to approve Ms. Jones for licensure as a LPCMH, seconded by Mr. Elder. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Wanda Mills – The Board reviewed the application for Ms. Mills. The Board questioned the title of the supervisor, Miguel Matos, as he is not licensed in Delaware as a professional counselor, however he is attesting to counseling experience. The stated that Ms. Mills needs to show proof of an additional 42 hours

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of 1:1 face to face supervision. Dr. Grande made a motion to table Ms. Mill's application to obtain the additional 42 1:1 hours under a qualified supervisor, second Dr. Madl-Young. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

# Review Request of Approval of Continuing Education Activity

Eileen Baker – The board reviewed the continuing education request from Eileen Baker. Dr. Grande made a motion to approve the CE request, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### Review and Discuss Hearing Officer Recommendations

Harry Weaver – The Board reviewed the recommendation for Harry Weaver. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Grande to accept the hearing officer recommendation as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Williams asked the Board to vote to amend the agenda to add the review of application for Adrianna Bernardo-Freeman as a LPCMH. Mr. Cooper made a motion to amend the agenda to add the application for Ms. Bernardo-Freeman, seconded by Dr. Grande. By unanimous vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Board reviewed Ms. Bernardo-Freeman's application. Mr. Elder made a motion to approve Ms. Bernardo-Freeman's application for licensure as an LPCMH, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young. Mr. Cooper and Dr. Grande recused themselves. By majority vote, the motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Rosemarie Masone – The board reviewed the correspondence received from Ms. Masone. The request submitted was for the Board to review the courses Ms. Masone advised of to become a certified counselor in substance abuse. The Board determined that Ms. Masone needs to submit her request to the Delaware Counseling Board to decide if the courses can be used toward certification for substance abuse counseling.

#### Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no further business before the Board.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is January 25, 2017, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

#### Adjournment

Dr. Grande made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole M. Williams

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